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Paul J. McNulty, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, announced today that the United States Attorney's Office will participate in a National Crime Victims' Rights Week Walk in Richmond, Virginia tomorrow, April 16, 2005. This walk marks the Twenty-Fifth Anniversary of National Crime Victims' Rights Week.

The Central Virginia Victim Services Coalition is sponsoring the event. The Coalition is comprised of representatives from local, state, and federal victim/witness programs, including the United States Attorney's Office, the Virginia Attorney General's Office, the Department of Corrections, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Chesterfield, Henrico, Hanover, Prince George, Cumberland, Powhatan, Goochland, Sussex, Brunswick, Greensville, and Dinwiddie Counties, as well as the cities of Richmond, Hopewell, Petersburg, Emporia, and Colonial Heights.

Registration for the walk will be held from 9:30 a.m. until 10:45 a.m. at the Bell Tower on the Capitol Grounds, located at the corner of 9th and Bank Streets. From 11:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m., the event will feature speakers from the United States Attorney's Office, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Virginia Attorney General's Office, and the Richmond Police Department. Debbie Smith, a crime victim and the driving force behind the Debbie Smith/Justice for All Act, and Mack Robinson, the father and grandfather of murder victims, will also speak at this time.

The walk itself is scheduled to begin at 12:00 p.m., following the presentation of awards to law enforcement officers who have performed outstanding work with victims over the past year. After the 3-4 mile walk, light refreshments and information tables from various local, state, and federal programs will be available to the public at the James Center Plaza at the corner of 10th and Cary Streets.

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